

CKFR WEEKLY

Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7

CPR Class

North Perry Station 45
10:00 AM - Noon

March 9

BOC Meeting

Admin Building 4:00

March 12

Stop the Bleed

Community Program Station 56
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

March 19

CPR Class

Meadowdale Station 41
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

American Legion Post 109 (Silverdale)

AO Terry Fassett and Volunteer Captain Val Quill were both recognized during Monday's BOC meeting by the American Legion Post 109 Commander, Russell Gerabek and his Adjutant, Michael Johnson, with commendations for Outstanding Public Service.



This week in CKFR...



Nothing like clear blue sky in February to practice some Ladder Operations! A-shift Captain Sullivan, FF Werlech and FF Monroe to the roof!



The 2020 CK Fitness Challenge has finished and it was another great year of competition. Congratulations to Rob Pierson on his second consecutive win!! He won with an outstanding 6401 points this year. Way to put out a great effort, Rob! Also, congrats to Mark Giannoble, Kara Putnam, Mac Holt, Gian Dalle, and Eric Chamberlain on some outstanding work. A few competitors were close behind Rob, so that means next year it could be anybody's race!



Chief Oliver has the opportunity to present to the Silverdale Chamber during the luncheon on Wednesday!

CKFRs A/O Crosby, PM Graham, and PM Wright spent time with the kiddos at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital over the weekend. A big thank you to the Kitsap Quilter's Guild for their continuous donations of adorable animals, each with a custom quilt, for Crosby's monthly hospital visits.





Regular monthly tech rescue drill at Bremerton Training Center. 20 people form 7 agencies.

CKFR had 7 members and R64, practicing high angle rope rescue techniques. Rescues were performed from a patient litter and single rescuer.

We are looking for one new technical rescue team member.

Captain Stebor has hung up his harness for good and we will be filling his spot on the team.

If you are interested in this program please submit your email letter of interest to your BC and AC Christian with the following information:

- Name
- Why you would like to be a TRT member
- Resume or what attributes, knowledge, certifications and experience do you have that would make you a good candidate for the position

Thank you for your Letters of interest. They will be accepted through the end of the day on March 9, 2020. The hope is the selection will be made at the March 12, BC meeting.

On Thursday, Firefighters from Kitsap Fire Fighters Union, IAFF Local 2819 visited the Burn Unit at Harborview Medical Center to say hello and spread positive vibes.



Local 2819 is made up of members from Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue, Poulsbo Fire, and North Kitsap Fire and Rescue.



Happy Birthday Tom!

AN EARLY BIRTHDAY SURPRISE, CHEESECAKE AND A BETTA FISH NAMED PHIL, FOR 51 A-SHIFT CAPTAIN TOM SULLIVAN.

Success is no accident...

Finance Crew, Amy, Tammy and Heidi, recently attended a Bias Rally in Spokane to continue their great work in the Finance Department.



Kitsap Firefighters Benevolent Fund St. Patrick's Day Festivities



Last Call for Nominations!!!!

The Awards Committee will be reviewing nominations on March 4th.

Submit your ballots before then!!

Click Link: [Recognition & Awards Nomination Form](#)

KITSAP REGIONAL Library



Coffee with Chief Oliver of CKFR & Sheriff Simpson

Ask community leaders questions and share your suggestions regarding how we can work together to make Silverdale a better community.

Tuesday, March 24, 4-5 p.m.
SILVERDALE

Fire Station Challenges

by Chief Oliver

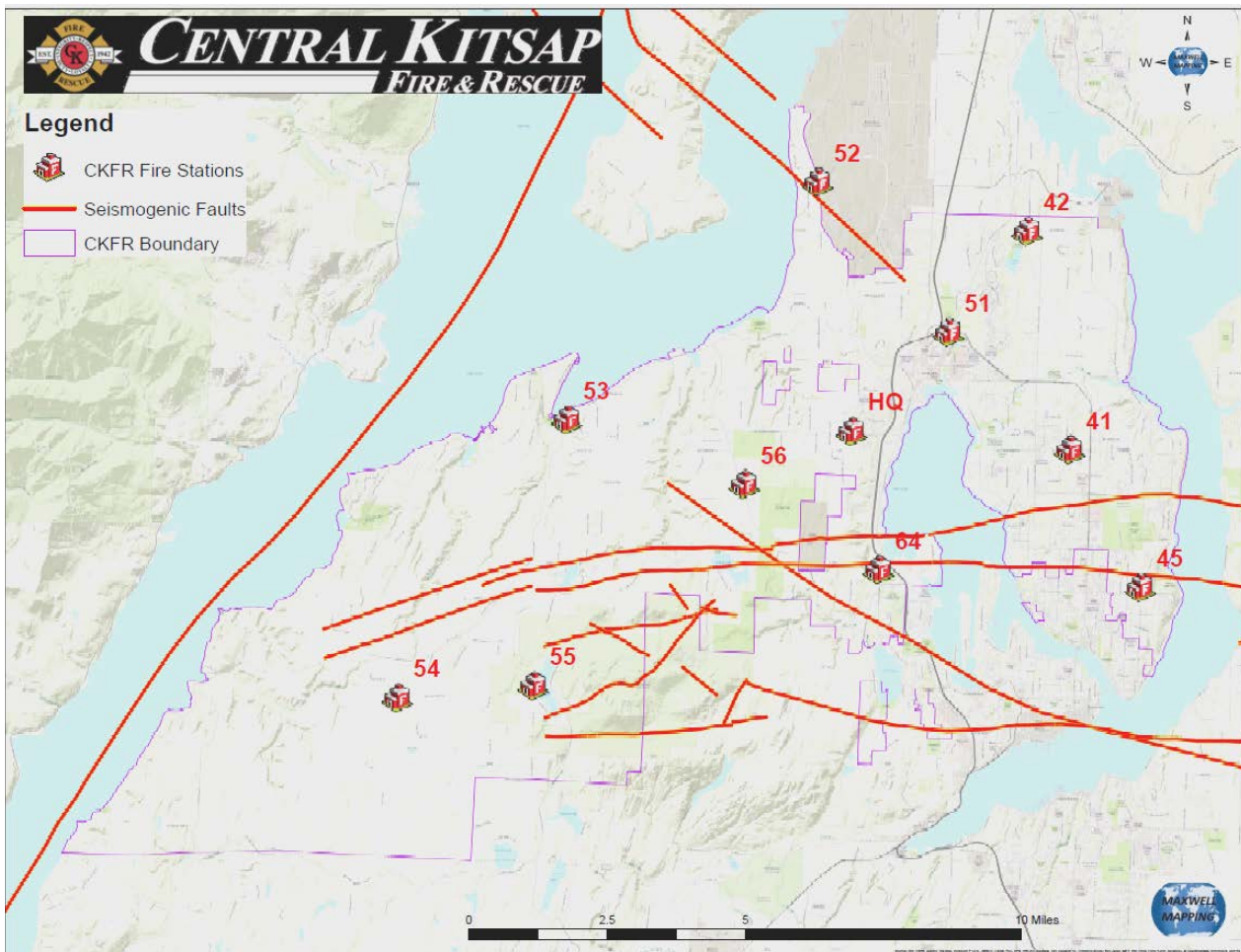
As many of you know, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue is reaching out educate our community about challenges we have with our fire stations. Specifically, they need to be improved for community safety and to provide a healthier working environment for our firefighters.

I wanted to profile some of the more challenging station issues here through CKFR Weekly. There are a lot of them, so I've decided to break this information into multiple communications. For this edition I'm focusing on the seismic and location issues that we want to improve. Our next edition will focus on some of the challenges our facilities pose to firefighter health and safety.

Seismic Issues

The fact is that all of the District's stations are not up to current seismic standards and are in danger of collapsing in the event of an earthquake. This would hamper the District's efforts to reach you and your family during an emergency.

Many of our facilities are 60 years old, and have cracks in the walls or on supporting beams. They were built by volunteers, or at a time when there were no seismic standards. We are grateful for these contributions, but it's time to upgrade and make them safer for the public and our firefighters.



Fault lines cover the Olympic Peninsula near where stations are located.

Location

Stations 52 (Olympic View), 54 (Hintzville) and 55 (Lake Tahuyeh) are located in areas away from population centers. This delays response times for emergency calls.

The bond would replace Station 52 with a new facility at Anderson Hill and Olympic View. It also would combine stations 54 and 55 into one facility at Coho Way and Seabeck Holly (Station 57) to better serve the Lake Symington area.

Many of our stations were built before we knew where our population centers would be. We have a chance to fix that now with this bond.

Conclusion

Capital facilities are too expensive to fund through the District’s regular operating levies. The Board of Fire Commissioners is considering asking voters to approve a bond to fund these projects.

The good news is that – even with the bond – the average homeowner would see a net decrease of \$24 per year in the taxes they pay to the District compared to what they paid in 2019. This is because an excess levy has expired and an old bond for apparatus will be paid off before the new bond would take effect in 2021.

I appreciate you taking time to learn more about the challenges we are facing to provide service. Rest assured, we have a plan to fix these issues and continue to provide you and your family with the highest level of emergency services possible. As always, feel free to contact me with questions at joliver@ckfr.org or (360) 447-3566. Thank you.



Station 52 is on a dead-end road. It has a large crack in its back wall due to soil and site erosion.

Medical Division

by MO Chamberlain

News from the EMS Division! In anticipation to the upcoming changes in the County EMS protocols the District, along with the Medic One Foundation, have purchased three Zoll AutoPulse mechanical CPR devices. On behalf of the District I would like to thank the Medic One Foundation for their continued support and dedication to the citizens and employees of Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue. The CPR devices are on their way and the EMS division is working alongside the Training division to prepare training material for this new piece of equipment. As always if you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me!

Safety Committee

by Lt. Giannobile

Recently an issue was brought to the Safety Committee; the Decontamination of our Helmets and the Removable Liners. Decontamination of our structural ensemble is mainly focused on our jacket, pants, and hood. Through the IAFF’s sponsored FAST test we know that firefighter’s hair and brow line showed high exposure levels from contaminants. We should also include the decontamination of our helmets in our process. Some options we are looking into are a second set of helmet liners either individually or a bank for the stations. In the meantime please take the time to protect yourself and clean your helmet and liner while going off shift with the hope that it will be dry upon your return to duty. Attached is a link to a video from LION on how to perform this cleaning. **Click on “Advanced Cleaning-Structural Helmets”**

<https://www.lionfireacademy.com/training/nfpa-1851#>